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(57) Abstract

Mutins, which are mutational variants of mammalian proteins. Particular positions of natural proteins are identified as critical in providing various different activities. Specific embodiments demonstrate properties of variations at these positions.

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